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FM AMEMBASSY ACCRA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA WHITMAN; LAGOS ALSO FOR FAA

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON PAN AM ACCRA FLIGHTS

REF: ACCRA 2880

1. LOCAL PANAM REP (MILLER) REPORTED TODAY THAT HE HAD FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO REACH BOTH COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (AGYEKUM) AND DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION (DWEMOH), AND WAS TOLD PANAM RIGHTS BETWEEN ACCRA AND DAKAR, MONROVIA, AND NAIROBI HAVE CEASED (RETEL). HE REQUESTED EXTENSION UNTIL END MAY TO ALLOW REPROGRAMMING RESERVATION COMPUTERS, NOTIFYING RESERVATION OFFICES, ETC., BUT WAS REFUSED. HE HAS NOTIFIED PANAM NEW YORK

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ACCORDINGLY AND AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS.

2. EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR TELEPHONED DWEMOH AND OBTAINED CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE. WHEN POINT ABOUT TIME NEEDED FOR AIRLINES TO CHANGE SCHEDULES, ETC. RAISED DWEMOH SAID SIMPLY PANAM'S SUMMER SCHEDULE APPLICATION HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED AND IT HAD NO RIGHT TO ASSUME IT WOULD BE.

3. MILLER REPORTS THAT HE WAS TOLD FLATLY THAT THIS ACTION TAKEN TO FORCE USG TO GRANT BILATERAL AGREEMENT. TRAFFIC RIGHTS AS DETAILED PARA 1 TAKEN AWAY AND LEFT FOR ACCRA-KINSHASA (AND ACCRA-JOHANNESBURG) ONLY BECAUSE AFRICAN CARRIERS SERVE FORMER AND NOT LATTER.

4. MILLER SAID PANAM NEW YORK HAD RECEIVED RESPONSE TO FLANAGAN-KORANTANG LETTER (PARA 6, REFTEL) AGREEING TO PANAM-GHANA AIRWAYS (GH) TALKS, BUT DATES AND PLACE UNSPECIFIED. MILLER ALSO SAID GH MANAGING DIRECTOR KORANTANG TOLD HIM THERE SEEMED LITTLE TO TALK ABOUT SINCE GH REJECTS BLOCKED SPACE ARRANGEMENT, PANAM CANNOT PAY GH ROYALTIES, PANAM CANNOT NEGOTIATE BILATERAL FOR USG, AND THERE IS NOTHING ELSE GH WANTS.

5. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS HAS APPOINTMENT TOMORROW WITH AGYEKUM (IN HIS CAPACITY AS TEMPORARY ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE) AND SUBJECT WILL PROBABLY BE RAISED.
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